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SUBJECT: FURTHER GHANAIAN CLARIFICATION OF ITS ROLE IN
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REFS: A) ACCRA 5175
 B) STATE 164775
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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: ON JUNE 21 PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY AMISSAH
 SAID GHANA HOPED A UN MANDATE COULD BE OBTAINED SOON

EXPANDING UNAMIR. GHAMAIH PARTICIPATION IN RWANDA WAS UNLIKELY WITHOUT IT, HE SAID. ON JUNE 22 DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CHAMBAS SAID GHANA WISHED TO AVOID A REPEAT OF THE SOMALIA EXPERIENCE. IT WAS IMPORTANT, THEREFORE, TO GET A "DEFENSIBLE" UN MANDATE THAT STATED THE HUMANITARIAN OBJECTIVE CLEARLY. WITHOUT IT, THE WATERS WOULD REMAIN UNNECESSARILY MUDDIED. A JUNE 21 GOG PUBLIC STATEMENT ON RWANDA CALLS FOR A "CREDIBLE INITIATIVE THAT WILL IMPACT ON THE TRAGIC SITUATION IN RWANDA..." THE STATEMENT ALSO MAKES CLEAR GHANA'S "WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TROOPS TO AN EXPANDED UNAMIR PRESENCE BUT UNDER CLEAR UNDERSTANDING APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT WOULD BE PROVIDED..." END SUMMARY.

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3. IN A JUNE 21 CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE, PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY JAMES AMISSAH DESCRIBED GHANA'S POSITION ON RWANDA IN TENTATIVE TERMS SAYING THAT A PUBLIC STATEMENT WAS BEING PREPARED FOR RELEASE THAT DAY (SEE PARA 5 BELOW). THE FRENCH INITIATIVE TO INTERVENE MILITARILY
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SHOULD BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE ALL COUNTRIES WILLING AND CAPABLE OF CONTRIBUTING TROOPS, HE SAID. FURTHER, GHANA WAS HOPEFUL A UN MAMDATE WOULD BE OBTAINED SOON EXPANDING UHAMIR. ASKED WHETHER GHANA WOULD SEND TROOPS WITH FRENCH ONES IN THE ABSENCE OF A UN MAMDATE, AMISSAH REPLIED THAT GIVEN THE GIST OF GHANA'S POSITION WHICH HE HAD JUST DESCRIBED, HE HAD DIFFICULTY SEEING GHANAIAN PARTICIPATION WITHOUT A UN MANDATE.

4. WITH REGARD TO GHANA'S NEED FOR EQUIPMENT, AMISSAH SAID HE WOULD DEFER TO MILITARY EXPERTS. HOWEVER, IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT PROPOSALS SO FAR WERE "INADEQUATE" AND NOT ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE. HE SAID THAT THE GHANAIAN INTERVENTION FORCE COULD NOT MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE GROUND IF IT WERE SEEN TO BE INADEQUATELY ARMED. IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT GHANAIAN SOLDIERS HAVE THE MATERIAL THEY NEED, HE SAID. (MILITARY EQUIPMENT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED SEPTEL.)

5. IN FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION JUNE 22, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MOHAMMED CHAMBAS SAID THAT IT WAS IMPERATIVE TO AVOID IN RWANDA A REPEAT OF THE SOMALIA EXPERIENCE. THERE WAS CONCERN IN THE GOG, HE EXPLAINED, THAT IF CERTAIN RWANDAN ELEMENTS SAW THE FRENCH INTERVENTION,

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AND THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH IT, AS PARTISAN AND A THREAT TO THEM, THEN THE POTENTIAL FOR CONFRONTATION WOULD GROW. IT WAS, THEREFORE, IMPORTANT TO GET A "DEFENSIBLE" UN MANDATE THAT WAS CLEAR IN ITS STATEMENT OF THE HUMANITARIAN OBJECTIVE. CHAMBAS SAID THAT WITHOUT IT THE RPF WOULD CONTINUE TO DOUBT FRENCH MOTIVES AND THE WATERS WOULD REMAIN UNNECESSARILY CONFIDENTIAL

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MUDDIED. THIS WOULD CREATE A DANGEROUS SITUATION FOR GHANAIAN TROOPS TO BE IN, HE CONCLUDED.

6. WE PROVIDE BELOW THE TEXT OF THE GOG STATEMENT ON RWANDA CARRIED ON THE JUNE 21 EVENING NEWS:

BEGIN TEXT: THE GOVERNMENT HAS CALLED FOR A CREDIBLE INITIATIVE THAT WILL MAKE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON THE TRAGIC SITUATION IN RWANDA AND CREATE CONDITIONS FOR A PEACEFUL AND LASTING SOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT THERE. IT SAID IT IS CRUCIAL THAT THE NEUTRALITY AND ACCEPTABILITY OF SUCH A MISSION BE ENSURED AND THAT IT IS EquALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE MISSION PROCEEDS UNDER THE MANDATE OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE OAU. IN A STATEMENT ISSUED IN ACCRA TODAY THE GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT DESPITE THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT REACHED IN TUNIS ON 14 JUNE 1994 BY THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT IN RWANDA, THE WAR IN RWANDA IS STILL WAGING ON, AND THE STATE OF ANARCHY AND CARNAGE CONTINUES RESULTING IN INCREASING LOSS OF INNOCENT LIVES, DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTIES, AND DISLOCATION OF THOUSANDS OF RWANDANS. IT HAS, THEREFORE, CONDEMNED THE CONTINUING DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIVES AND CALLED UPON THE

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RESPONSIBILITY AND TAKE THE NECESSARY URGENT STEPS TO
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PERSONNEL. IN THE MEANTIME, THE GOVERNMENT SAID GHANA
IS STILL COMMITTED TO THE HUMANITARIAN OPERATION BEING
UNDERTAKEN BY UNAMIR AND THE UN MANDATE AUTHORIZED BY UN
RESOLUTION 918 AND 925 OF 1994. END TEXT. LEDESMA

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